

Amendments to the Specification

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph at page 1, line 3:

-- This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/EP03/50624, filed September 12, 2003, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on March 25, 2004 in English and which claims the benefit of European patent application No. 02292227.2, filed September 12, 2002.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending on page 2, line 15:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please **replace** the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 20 with the following **rewritten** paragraph:

-- The invention also concerns a bridge portal device for connection to a wireless bridge comprising a first interface to a wired bus and a second interface to the wireless bridge, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it comprises microprocessor means for managing ports on its wireless interface for connection to wireless devices according to topology rules defined for the wired bus, said microprocessor means being adapted to participate in a parent portal election process which is function of the availability of free ports on the wireless interfaces of portal devices of the bridge. --

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending on page 3, line 27:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

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Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending on page 4, line 2:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --